

Present: His Ex^{ney} Francis Nicholson Esq Cap^t Gen^l etc; Sr. Thomas Laurence Barron^t Secry^r; Col^l: Nich^o Greenberry; Thomas Tench Esq; Col^l: Charles Hutchins; Col^l: John Addison; Col^l: John Courts; Thomas Brooke Esq.

The Case of Mr W^m Sharp last Night Referred is Ordered now to be Debated. Mr Sollicito^r Gen^l opens the Matter and desires that the Counsell on Mr Sharps behalfe may produce what Authorities they have to prove that he is illegally detain'd in Custody, according as they alleadged last Night they would Endeavour to do this Morning.

Then Produced the Supersedeas which was Read as followes Viz^t

Mr W^m Sharpes Supersedeas Read

William the Third by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith etc: To the Sherriff of Talbot County in our Province of Maryland Greeting, Whereas in the Record of Process and Rendring of Judgm^t of a Plea of debt w^{ch} was before the Justices of our Provinciaall Court lately depending between our Sovereign Lord the King p^{lt} and William Sharp of Talbot County deft Viz^t in October Court last past manifest Error as tis Said hath happen'd to the great Damage of the s^d W^m Sharp, and whereas We have Commanded by our Writt of Error the Record and Process of the plea and Judgm^t afores^d to be brought before his Ex^{ney} the Govern^r and the hon^{ble} the Councill at their Next [61] day of Regulating Writtes of Error after the next prov^l Court that We may cause to be done what of Right and according to the Customes of this Province ought to be done in the Premises, We therefore Command you that from all molestation of the s^d W^m Sharp and from all manner of Execution ag^t either the Body or Goods lands or Chattells of the s^d William for or by Reason of the Plea or Judgm^t afores^d you altogether Stay and Superseede untill the plea and Judgm^t afores^d Shall be Examin'd hear'd and determin'd before the Gov^r and Councill afores^d Hereof you are to take due Notice at yo^r perrill Witness our Self at our Port and Town of Annapolis in the County of Ann Arrundell in our s^d Province the 22^d day of May in the Ninth Year of our Reign Annoque Domini. 1697.

R. Gouldsborough John Freeman Reg^r in Chan:

The Case debated upon and in question is whether the s^d Supersedeas direct'd to the Sherriff of Talbot County ought to be a barr or Stop to the Sherriff of Ann Arrundell County from taking the s^d Sharp in Execution and whether the s^d Sharp by that means be illegally detain'd or not.

John Edwards pet. Read together with the Ord^r of Reference and the Lawy^{rs} Report indorsed is Approved of and leave Granted that the Pet^r may Proceed to prosecute the s^d Appeal. [John Edwards Petition ab^t prosecuting an Appeal granted. Vide pet. fol 63.]